

## News Notes

**UH baseball Military Appreciation Weekend** – University of Hawaii's Military Appreciation Weekend is today through Monday at Les Murakami Stadium for the Western Illinois series. Both active and reservists will receive two-for-one ticket discounts with a valid military I.D. Maximum of 20 tickets per I.D. card holder. Purchase your tickets in advance or on game day.

**Volunteers needed** – The Hickam Chapel 2006 Vacation Bible School program is looking for volunteers to assist with teaching, drama, crafts, and kitchen help for this year's "Quest for the Ten Commandments." The program will run from June 12 to 16 and meets from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Planning meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m. Mar 13, April 24, May 15 and June 5. Contact Alyce Hodges at 449-1754 x236 to volunteer.

**AFSA Appreciation Luncheon** – The Air Force Sergeant Association Chapter 1550 Annual Appreciation Luncheon is Tuesday following the general membership meeting at 11a.m. at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information contact, Senior Master Sgt. Manky Kirkpatrick at 449-6860 x 104 or e-mail [manky.kirkpatrick@hickam.af.mil](mailto:manky.kirkpatrick@hickam.af.mil), or Master Sgt. David McCoy at 449-8378 or e-mail [david.mccoy@hickam.af.mil](mailto:david.mccoy@hickam.af.mil).

**USS Arizona Memorial cultural bus tour** – Air Force people and their families are invited to join the first cultural bus tour Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Because of increased security measures, no bags, or other items which offer concealment are allowed in the USS Arizona Visitor Center or on the Memorial. Personnel will be allowed to leave items on the bus at their own risk. To reserve a seat call the Airman and

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# Op Deep Freeze record year

By Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo  
Air Force Print News

**HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii** – Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica, Operation DEEP FREEZE, an annual Antarctic airlift mission in support of the National Science Foundation, completed its final sortie Feb. 28, closing a record filled season.

Flight operations were supported by LC-130s from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing, Scotia, N.Y., and by an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III, from the 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, WA. The two units exceeded all-time mission and cargo records in the coldest, windiest, most inhospitable continent on the globe.

"The crews, staff, and contractors did incredible work at the bottom of the world in the harshest of weather conditions," said Lt. Gen. David Deptula, JTF-SFA Commander. "In spite of challenging weather delays, we ended the season exceeding all of the National Science Foundation's needs. I am immensely proud of the men and women who were part of the JTF."

Flying from Christchurch, New Zealand, the C-17 unit completed 51 long-range transport missions, moving more than 3 million pounds of cargo and 4,739 passengers into McMurdo Station, Antarctica, logistics hub for ODF.

On the ice, ski-equipped LC-130s transport people and cargo within Antarctica. The LC-130 unit set the single-season flying records of 466 total on-continent missions and 377 missions to

the South Pole.

The LC-130 unit also set records for the most cargo moved in a season (14.4 million pounds), the most cargo delivered directly to the South Pole (9.9 million pounds), the most fuel offloaded at the South Pole (4.54 million pounds), and the latest closing date of the South Pole (Feb. 21).

"It was quite exhilarating to achieve what we did with the dynamics we had and I'm extremely proud of the men and women who served on land, at sea and in the air," said Col. Ron Smith, 500th Air Expeditionary Group commander. "I'm glad to be out of there because the temp on that last mission was minus 47 degrees and we can only operate up to minus 50. It was a perfect ending; we couldn't have timed it any better."

## Fit to Fight



Photo by Oscar A. Hernandez

Master Sgt. Harry Hayashi, 15th Operations Group, First Sergeant, carries the group's guidon, during the monthly Warrior Run, Mar. 3.

## Live healthy National Nutrition Month, a personal choice

By Kirsten Tacker  
Kukini Photojournalist

Sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association, National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign.

The campaign is intended to focus attention on the significance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Food is the substance by which life is sustained, eating well and being physically active are keys to a healthy lifestyle. Planning daily meals is very important and crucial to creating healthier choices.

"The continual choices that we make during the day gets us into trouble," said Tech. Sgt. Demetra Turner, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. "Become aware of the food that triggers you."

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## Base housing pet rules

By Kirsten Tacker  
Kukini Photojournalist

All residents are responsible for controlling their pets at all times and failure to comply jeopardizes the privilege of residing in base housing.

Animal owners are responsible for the daily removal and sanitary disposal of pet feces from their resident, neighboring yards and common areas. If not done daily, it is considered a violation and constitutes a health hazard.

Pets may not become a nuisance or menace to other pets, persons, or property. After three written citations residents are evicted from base housing.

"We have a system, where in if you have a grievance with another occupant, we have the military sponsor deal one-on-one with the other military sponsor," said Joe Peck, quality assurance evaluator and maintenance and appliance repair. "Not the spouses, but the sponsors and if it can not be settled amiably in the case of enlisted, then first shirts get involved. In case of officers, the commanders get involved. If it can't be settled at either level it goes to the group commander."

### Pet rules

Each new resident prior to accepting housing reviews and must sign off

on the pet rules. Also, the Housing Office provides the link <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/housing/information/HousingBrochure.pdf> for Hickam's base housing pet rules to refer to when necessary.

"The biggest thing is that they assume responsibility no matter what the pet does," said Tiffany Amby, housing inspector. Whether it is damaging the property or messing up the back yard, they assume all responsibility."

### Pet damage

If the pet does damage, housing will assess damage and charge the pet owner accordingly.

"Residents will be charged monetarily based on the size of the damage, as well as the shelf life that is remaining on the carpet. We do depreciate the carpet based on a seven year formula," said Mr. Peck.

"Some of pets chew the door frame, then we'll go measure how many linear feet it would take to replace," said Ms. Amby. "Also, labor hours for them."

To prevent any mishaps or potential damage when dogs and cats are outside the owner's yard for any purpose, they must be leashed and at all times under control of the owner or another person capable of controlling the ani-

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# AFAF Enters 2nd Week

Hickam Air Force Base has now entered into the second week of its campaign and seems to be on track.

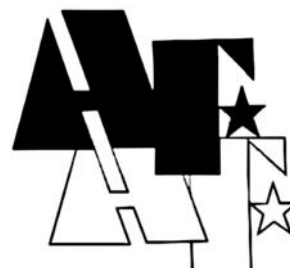
"As of the end of the first week, we have raised more than \$31,223 toward our total goal of \$88,883. All project officers and key workers are motivated and working hard to give back to their fellow airmen," said 2nd Lt. Josh Aultman, Installation Project Officer for Hickam.

The Air Force Assistance Fund contributes to four charities: AF Aid Society, AF Village for Indigent Widows, AF Enlisted Village for Indigent Widows, and the Gen Curtis E. LeMay foundation. "Questions have been pouring in from all over the base from Hickam contributors, asking how they can help," said SSgt. John Carlton, Alternate IPO for Hickam.

To help with your donations, group project officers have been assigned to the Hickam AFAF 2006 Campaign. They are as follows; 15th Airlift Wing associated offices, Capt. Gordon Bryant; 15th Medical Group, Capt.

Anadis Collado and Tech. Sgt. Renata Sutton; 15th Maintenance Group, 2nd Lt. Chenell Hunter; 15th Mission Support Group, 1st Lt. Heather Leite; 15th Operations Group, 1st Lt. Carson Dodds; Kenney Headquarters, 1st Lt. Nichole Wells and TSgt. Jeff Kelly; Hickam Tenant Units, 1st Lt. Gerald Kemp; Pacific Air Forces, Master Sgt. Terry Gilyard and MSgt. Brad Harris; Pacific Command, SSgt. Yvette Prioleau and the Air National Guard, SSgt. Peni Sabagala and SSgt. Lorna Suzo.

Please contact Staff Sergeant John Carlton at 449-1704, or Second Lieutenant Josh Aultman at 449-3507, for questions about this year's campaign.





# Builders of communities and dreams

By Col. Bill Changose  
15th Airlift Wing commander

March is proclaimed Women's History Month to honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of all American women. The theme for the month is, Women: Builders of Communities & Dreams. It is our opportunity to reflect on the notable achievements and sacrifices of women in the military.

With more than 215,000 women currently serving in the military it is difficult to think about a time when women were limited in both number and professional possibilities. Women have served as volunteers with the U.S. Armed Forces throughout American history on an unofficial, temporary, or as-needed basis. They served as soldiers and spies (sometimes disguised as men), as support personnel who fed and cared for the troops, and as nurses. They were called to serve with each national crisis and then sent back to civilian life after each war. As the years went on, some of these women became well-known. Rear Admiral Grace Hopper's contributions to computer and



Photo by Angela Elbern

Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing Commander, meets with (left) Bob Cybron, Dr Leslie Correa from the Hawaii Pacific University and (center) Agnes Borbely, Director, Force Development Flight after the new automated Base National Test Center ribbon cutting ceremony, Tuesday.

information technology, for example, are engraved in the historical record. Other women's accomplishments are less publicized, but just as notable; such as the first women fighter pilots, the first women to enter the military academies, or the first women who were casualties of war—even though they were not officially allowed to serve in combat.

The President of the United States recently proclaimed, "Women continue to strengthen our Nation and the world by excelling

as leaders in all walks of life, including business, law, politics, family life, education, community service, science, medicine, and the arts. The brave women who wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces are helping to lay the foundations of peace and freedom for generations to come."

This month, I encourage all of you to join me in celebrating the extraordinary achievements and contributions of women serving in the military. Announcements pertaining to the

scheduled activities will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Congratulations to the 15th AW Public Affairs staff! The Kukini was selected by Headquarters Pacific Air Forces as the best newspaper in its class. In addition, TSgt Andrew Leonhard, TSgt Mark Munsey, and Jerry Banks, 15th Communications Squadron were all individual award winners at the PACAF level.

Have a great weekend Sky Warriors! Be safe and take care of each other.

# Feedback Is the key to better teamwork and communication

SMSgt John Andrews  
17th OWS Superintendent

Supervisors are always looking for new ways to improve teamwork and communication. Sometimes we start thinking too hard, shifting focus to gimmicks or new, unproven processes in search of big results. We can become easily swayed by the newest hype and forget the basics. Like those magic pills on cable TV that make you lose weight "super-fast", but in reality a simple jog, a long walk and some low fat meals will make larger, more lasting impacts. The same is true for communication in teamwork; we overlook the importance feedback makes in a unit.

The textbook definition of feedback is a private, formal communication tool a rater uses to tell a ratee what is expected regarding duty performance and how well the ratee is meeting expectations. My short version is a honest and frank conversation. AF members cannot (will not) grow to be better supervisors and leaders if they are not told what they are doing good, bad, can improve upon, and what needs to be changed. They will simply move from job to job repeating the same mistakes. Recently, I have come across two negative feedback trends: 1) feedback is not done, or 2) raters are not honest.

Last fall, my unit received over thirty

new NCOs from a variety of different locations and commands. As each member arrived, I reviewed their Unit Personnel Record Group. I scanned each UPRG for the obvious: missing decorations, EPRs, LOEs, and tried to learn about the member's talents, strengths, and experiences. I asked members with mark downs on the front of their EPRs, simply, what happened. Why were you marked down in the communications block? How did your supervisor direct/suggest you to improve? What were your strengths and weaknesses last reporting period? The majority of folks answered honestly with, "We never talked" "We never did a feedback" or "I don't know". Feedback is a two-way communication but supervisors need to ensure the process is being accomplished.

Raters need to conduct an initial feedback within 60 days of when supervision begins and at a mid-point in the overall supervision period (usually at 180 days). Raters do not need formal guidance to conduct a feedback session, but should use AF feedback forms to document the meeting.

The second negative trend I have run across is the rater not being honest with the ratee - "call it like you see it". A few assignments ago I was given a Staff Sergeant to supervise that had a sharp hair cut, pressed uniform, and shined boots, but he also had bad dandruff, bad breath, smelled sour and his

house was a shrine to filth. At first, I was uncomfortable addressing these issues because they seemed too personal and I thought I could just "wait him out" to an upcoming PCS. But one night at a wing function I overheard others talking about a very dirty NCO that lived in their neighborhood. Being curious I leaned forward to hear more. I know this was not professional, but this person sounded very familiar and I had to know if it was who I thought it was. I thought to myself, what a loser his supervisor must be! Then they dropped his name and I suddenly felt like the loser who hadn't done his job. The next week my wife was waiting to pick up our kids from school when my troop's kids walked by. A few of the ladies starting commenting on how dirty "those kids parents" were and how Child Protective Services needed to take them away. I thought to myself, what have I done by not facing this issue head on? In the end I sat my troop down, gave him some honest feedback and advice; he cleaned up his act, kids and house. I had finally become the supervisor I should have been all along.

I have become a huge fan of the feedback. Feedback is simple, cost effective, can be done anytime, any place, on any shift, and I guarantee the end result will be a better individual and team, not to mention better communication.

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Speeding on Porter Ave.

**Comment:** Over the past year, I have repeatedly contacted the 15 AW LE desk and Police Services department and requested something be done about people speeding down Porter Ave – a long stretch of road in base housing that parallels Fox Blvd. When I spoke to the NCOIC of Police Services, his temporary fix was to assign a Law Enforcement Airman with a radar gun a couple times a day for a few days stretch to catch and further deter speeders. When this didn't stop speeders from continuing to rocket down Porter Ave, they put an electronic speed sign on the corner of 14th Street and Porter Ave. Again this was not a permanent fix action. When I called back again, they told me that they don't have enough man power to put a permanent fix in place and I could come in to the LE desk and file a report for each speeder. So, I stood outside my home on two separate days and saw more than 10 people speeding down Porter Ave between 6 to 8 a.m. and another 20 some people speeding between 3 to 5 p.m. each day. People usually speed more at these

times of day, I can only assume it's because they are used to the 30mph speed limit on the road running parallel to Porter Ave., on Pearl Harbor. I attempted to call the LE desk to report each of these speeders, but they insisted I come in and file a written report. I cannot possibly file reports for each one of these people every day and I don't know where else to turn. Also, with Hickam Elementary School at the end of Porter Ave at Freedom Tower there is an abundance of children riding their bikes to and from school each weekday; my 10-year-old daughter being one of them. This route is also a jogging path for many who live in enlisted and officer housing along Porter Ave.

**Response:** I share your concerns for the safety of the Hickam Community, particularly our children. Security Forces randomly runs radar on Porter Ave and periodically position a speed cart in order to warn drivers of their speed. Based on current data, Security Forces will soon have foot patrols in various problem areas around the base. In addition, they have contacted the Civil Engineer Squadron in reference to researching other traffic measurement alternatives, such as stop signs and speed bumps. This issue will be an agenda item for the next Traffic Engineering Committee, which meets on a quarterly basis.

For all Hickam drivers, I cannot emphasize enough that it takes the entire community to create a safe environment for our roadways and pedestrians. The speed limit in the housing areas is 15 mph. It is for everyone's safety that this speed limit be strictly enforced. We can all do our part – please report violators by calling 15th Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 449-2677.

## Hickam Diamond Tips

### The Cummerbund Dilemma



Despite the amount of times we wear our mess dress, we always pause to remember which way the cummerbund faces. The 97th Uniform Board has made it easy and standardized cummerbund wear for both men and women. Pleats will face up. An easy way to remember...I will always have a place to carry my coin.

Source: Hickam First Sergeants Questions? Contact your First Sergeant.

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### Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center  
449-0300  
Life Skills Support Center  
449-0175  
Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373  
Base Chaplain  
449-1754  
Military Family Abuse Shelter  
533-7125  
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449-7272

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# Nonjudicial Punishment Actions

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

- A Staff Sergeant was charged with one specification of false official statement, in violation of Article 107, UCMJ; one specification of assault and battery, in violation of Article 128, UCMJ, one specification of communicating a threat, in violation of Article 134, and one specification of disorderly conduct to bring discredit

upon the Air Force, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-4 (Senior Airman) and a reprimand.

- A Senior Airman was charged with one specification of absent without leave, in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the grade of

E-3 (Airman First Class), forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A Senior Airman was charged with one specifications of false official statement, in violation of Article 107, UCMJ, and one specification of drunkenness--incapacitation for performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of E-3 (Airman First Class), forfeiture of \$846

pay, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A Senior Airman was charged with one specification of failure to go, in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-3, suspended reduction to the grade of E-1 (Airman Basic), suspended forfeiture of \$636 for two months, 45 days extra duty, 45 days restriction and a reprimand.

- A Senior Airman was charged with one specification of assault with a dangerous weapon, in violation of Article 128, UCMJ and one specification of obstructing justice, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-3, suspended reduction to the grade of E-1 (Airman Basic) and a reprimand.

- An Airman First Class was charged with one specification of larceny of non-military property, in violation of Article 121, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of

reduction to the grade of

- E-2 (Airman) and forfeiture of \$150 for two months.

(Information courtesy of 15th Airlift Wing Legal Office)



## 37 from Hickam selected to O-4

Thirty seven of Hickam's Captains will trade in their silver bars for gold leaves as the promotion list was announced Mar. 2.

The Calendar Year 2005 Central line, chaplain, judge advocate general and biomedical sciences corps Major boards selected 2,134 officers for promotion throughout the Air Force.

Hickam's Major selects include:

Name	Unit
Lamont Atkins,	15th Communications Squadron
Christian L Basballe	Pacific Air Forces
Maureen Bousquet	13th Air Force
Mark Carpenter	65th Airlift Squadron
Coe, Michael	PACAF
Patricia Csank	PACAF AMOCC
David Dengler	324th Intelligence Squadron
David Depinho	15th Airlift Wing
Nicholl Dial	15th Mission Support Squadron
Jerold Dyke	Joint Information Pacific
Jonathon Flanders	PACAF
Heath Frye	15th CS
Chance Geray	Space Command, Joint Pacific
Allen Gradnigo Jr.	Pacific Air Forces
Eric Harten	502nd Air Operations Squadron
William Hunter	PACAF
Robert Jackson	PACAF
John Jacobus	PACAF
Jonathan Leffler	17th Operations Weather Squadron
Katherine Lilly	PACAF
Mark Long	56th Air and Space Communications Squadron
Rustin Mangum	65th Airlift Squadron
Jason Mills	15th Operations Support Squadron
Sandra Morrow	PACAF
Kenneth Mullins	Space Command, Joint Pacific
Todd Nerlin	PACAF
David Newberry	PACAF
Michael Parks	PACAF
Andrew Pate	PACAF
David Pena	PACAF
Dennis Sabatino	715 Air Mobility Operations Group
Stephen Snelson	535th Airlift Squadron
Brian Snyder	PACAF
Martin Sweet	PACAF
Timothy Taylor	PACAF
Mary Thomson	352nd Information Operations Squadron
Paul Whitfield	PACAF

The board convened at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Dec. 5 to consider 2256 majors for promotion.

The results of the board are:

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone for major:

Line -- 1,901 selected from 2,057 considered for a 92.4 per cent selection rate.

Chaplain -- 18 selected from 28 considered for a 64.3 percent selection rate.

JAG -- 55 selected from 58 considered for a 94.8 percent selection rate.

BSC -- 98 selected from 113 considered for an 86.7 percent selection rate.

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone for major:

Line -- 54 selected from 484 considered for a 11.2 percent selection rate.

Chaplain -- 3 selected from 6 considered for a 50 percent selection rate.

JAG -- 1 selected from 3 considered for a 33.3 percent selection rate

BSC -- 4 selected from 10 considered for a 40 percent selection rate

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

## Training in the field



Photo by TSgt Chris Vadnais.

**Lt. Col. Dino Almendral, a Reservist for Pacific Air Forces (left) marches with troops to the staging area for this year's Pacific Joint Legal Exercise. The PACAF exercise provides legal professionals with realistic deployment training. Nearly 30 U.S. Active**

**Duty, Guard, and Reserve legal professionals and one Canadian officer will endure a week of austere conditions as well as classroom and scenario-driven lessons at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii.**

## War on Terror Victory Tops PACOM's Priorities

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** -- Winning the war on terrorism is U.S. Pacific Command's highest priority, the command's leader told the Senate Armed Services Committee today.

To achieve that goal, the command is striving to eliminate the violence that now threatens the people and stability of the Asia-Pacific region and, more importantly, to transform at-risk environments, Navy Adm. William J. Fallon said.

"We have in place key elements to succeed in advancing U.S. security interests and enhancing regional stability - vibrant alliances, opportunities for new partnerships, combat ready and agile forces, and committed soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines to lead our efforts," Fallon said in a prepared statement.

"Southeast Asia remains the (command's) focal point in the war on terror," Fallon said. "The southern Philippines, Mindano and the Sulu archipelago remain a sanctuary, training and recruiting ground for terrorist organizations."

He said the command's Joint Interagency Task Force West coordinated military-to-military training, information sharing, law enforcement training and infrastructure development projects throughout the theater.

"In a major success, the Interagency Fusion Center in Jakarta, Indonesia, provided significant assistance to the raid on

an industrial-scale drug lab outside Jakarta," Fallon said. The raid resulted in the largest seizure of drugs in Indonesian history and was among the largest in the world.

The command is also working to mature joint and combined warfighting capability and readiness. "Fundamental to success in the war on terror and continued stability in the Asia-Pacific region is our joint and combined warfighting capability and readiness," Fallon said. "As virtually every operation and activity is conducted jointly and in concert with allies, it is important that we train to operate more efficiently as a multinational team."

To that end, Fallon said the revised Pacific Command training plan is specifically designed to further develop joint and combined warfighting capability and advance security cooperation while more effectively using resources. Another goal in redesigning the training plan was to maximize what he described as "scarce training dollars" while minimizing stress on the force.

The command streamlined training exercises and leveraged forces in theater, he said. "Through the routine interaction created by our exercises, we expect to reduce existing interoperability barriers, increase military capacity and confidence, and enhance the likelihood of an effective regional response to future crises," he said.

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## Crime Scene

### Assault

An active duty Air Force member reported she was assaulted by an Air Force family member following a dispute over a parking space.

### Theft of private property

An Air Force family member reported her child's bicycle was stolen while parked at Hickam Elementary.

### Theft of government property

An active duty Air Force member reported the license plate from his government vehicle was stolen.

## Give us your feedback

Tell us what you think, or would like to see in Kukini. Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to:



**hickam.kukini  
@hickam.af.mil**





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## C-17 milestone

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, —** After only 15 years in commission, the C-17 Globemaster III fleet will reach its 1 millionth flying hour this month -- the equivalent of one aircraft flying every minute of every day for more than 114 years without stopping.

A crew of U.S. and British Royal Air Force members will fly a representative mission March 19 to help commemorate the milestone.

No one in Air Mobility Command or at Boeing anticipated reaching this milestone so soon. According to AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Center, the C-17 has flown 59 percent, or about 358,000 additional hours, more since Sept. 11, 2001, than originally scheduled.

Although the additional hours have sped up scheduled maintenance timelines, the fleet has performed with an 84.7 percent mission-capable rate when tasked for missions, said Lt. Col. Donald Dickerson, deputy chief of the AMC headquarters aircraft maintenance section.

"When you look at the punishment this aircraft takes from the environment it operates in -- landing regularly on unimproved surfaces, lengthy stays away from home station maintenance -- the mission capable rate seems to illustrate that the aircraft structures and systems are robust and up to the challenge," Colonel Dickerson said.

*By 1st Lt. Ed Gulick  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs*

## Internet chat leads discharge

**ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska —** An Airman here was sentenced to three years confinement, reduction to airman basic and a dishonorable discharge in court-martial proceedings here Feb. 23.

Staff Sgt. Brian Malone, a 3rd Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, pleaded guilty to 21 specifications of violating two

## Snow-covered C-17s



Photo by Master Sgt. John E. Lasky

Several days of winter storms left six inches of snow covering C-17 Globemaster IIIs at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice while being found not guilty of three other specifications.

The charges stem from numerous Internet chats Sergeant Malone had in 2004 with federal agents and other adults posing as underage girls, as well as with at least one underage girl.

He pleaded guilty to charges that he was involved in indecent communications with, and transmitted indecent images to a minor over the Internet. He also pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography, and violating specific federal laws by attempting to use a "means of interstate commerce" to transmit obscene images to a minor via the Internet and attempting to entice a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity via the Internet, said Capt. Charles Hebner, 3rd Wing Legal Office and one of the Air Force prosecutors in this case.

The means of interstate commerce used to violate the federal laws were an interactive computer

service and a computer-generated Web site on the Internet, according to the charge sheet.

Sergeant Malone was found not guilty to charges of attempted sodomy with a minor, attempted carnal knowledge with a minor and attempted indecent acts with a minor because his actions were deemed by the court to be mere preparations for committing an offense, not an actual criminal attempt, Captain Hebner said.

*By Lt. Col. Michael T. Halbig  
3rd Wing Public Affairs*

## Air Force accepts first combat configured CV-22 Osprey

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio —** Aeronautical Systems Center's commander, Lt. Gen. John L. "Jack" Hudson, along with other Department of Defense leaders, was on hand to accept the keys from

Bell Boeing for the first combat configured CV-22 Osprey during a ceremony March 1 at the Bell manufacturing facility in Amarillo, Texas.

"It's an honor to be here for this historic milestone in aviation history," General Hudson said. "When our nation chooses to deploy forces into combat, we do our best to send them well-equipped and well-trained."

The Air Force plans to purchase 50 CV-22s for long-range infiltration, exfiltration and re-supply of special operations forces in hostile or denied territory. The Osprey provides twice the speed, up to five times the range and significantly enhanced survivability over other conventional rotary wing platforms, and this is the first CV-22 built upon the Block B baseline configuration.

Every CV-22 to come before this was built for test or training, but from this aircraft onward, the Air Force Ospreys will be built for training and combat.

"There are missions waiting for the CV-22 today-in Afghanistan, in Iraq and in every part of the world where Special Operations teams are carrying out the most critical missions to support the Global War on Terrorism," said a public affairs spokesman with Naval Air Station Public Affairs at Patuxent River, Md.

"Our warfighters will be the benefactors of this one-of-a-kind aircraft that combines speed, range, operational flexibility and survivability thanks to a truly 'purple' program -- Air Force, Marines and Navy -- all with different missions but the same core values," General Hudson said.

"I look forward to handing the keys over to Lt. Col. Jim Cardoso, commanding officer of the 71st Special Operations Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.," he said.

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**NOTES,** From A1

Family Readiness Flight at 449-0300.

**All Military Motorcycle Run Steeple Chase**– The Christian Motorcyclists Association, Oahu Chapter is sponsoring a All Military Motorcycle Run Steeple Chase Mar. 18. The event is open to active duty, reserve, retired military, and DOD civilians. Registration is at the Monaloua Gardens and the first stop is at the Hickam AFB Chapel Center. The cost is \$12 for singles and \$18 for couples, drawing and prizes available. Participates must wear all appropriate safety gear, have DOD decal, have valid insurance, registration, and license to get. For more information,call Michele Aiwohi at 456-3275 or e-mail, micheleaiwohi@hawaii.rr.com or contact Glen Spence at 683-1572 or e-mail, armyhogrid-er1@yahoo.com.

**Chapel** – Protestant Religious Education (SOW – Sunday on Wednesdays) has three new adult studies as well as studies for children and Jounior and Senior High school people. An evening meal is provided at 6 p.m. and all classes start at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Alyce Hodges at 449-1754 ext 236 or e-mail her at alyce.hodges@hickam.af.mil.

During Lenten Season – The Station of the Cross is scheduled every Friday at 5 p.m. at the Nelles Chapel, Bldg. 500, Signer Blvd. For more information call Welhelmina Maple at 449-1754 ext 231 or emailwelhelmina.maple@hickam.af.mil.

**CLEP EXAM** – Sign up is on going for the CLEP general exam preparation video classes: Social Science and History & Humanities, Monday through Mar. 17; Natural Science and English, Mar. 20-24; Math & Social Science/History, March 27-31; Humanities and Natural Science April 3-7. The videos are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and noon. Each video should be viewed everyday to receive the full benefit. To schedule for these classes, call 449-6363 or 448-0920.

**The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts** – in Managerial Economics. This is a non–thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. In addition, OU offers one week classes for personnel either TDY or TDA. For more information, call 499-6364 or visit the web site aphick-am@ou.edu and www.goou.ou.edu.

**A money management class** – Mar. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness flight. Participants will learn the basic principles of budgeting and debt management. Participants are asked to bring their leave and earning statement, credit card/loan statements, monthly bills (utilities, cell phone, car insurance premium, etc) to the workshop. For more information, call 449-0300. Deadline is noon Mar. 13.

**Free Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training** – The Airman and Family Readiness Flight (AFRF) received an Air Force Aid Society grant to train 10 spouses of active duty Air Force members as CNA thru Leeward Community College. This 112-hour training program will prepare students in providing personal care services and assistance to chronically and severely ill and disabled clients. Classes are from Mar. 18 - May 7, on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4; 30 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center (HAWC), Bldg. 1113. Applicants must have a U. S. High School Diploma, GED, or take a placement test. The

deadline to submit applications for CAN training is noon, Mar. 13. Application packages are available at the AFRF, Bldg 1105 or call 449-0300 for more information.

**Online Taxes** – The "Military OneSource" has partnered up with Intuit, a financial services company, to provide the TurboTax basic product for federal and state returns at no cost. A tax consultant support line is available for filing 2005 taxes, the toll free number is 800-342-9647 and is at no cost to the servicemembers. The to download the program visit the OneSource Web site at <http://www.militaryonesource.com>. IRS Tax

Information for Military Members is located on the web site <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=97273,00.html> and additional information about tips for the tax season is offer at the web site [http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jan2006/20060119\\_3963.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jan2006/20060119_3963.html).

**Correction** – In the Mar. 3 edition in the story ‘Bringing home our Lost, But Forgotten’ the Kukini inadvertently reported 13,000 families had been reunited with their families since 1973 the actual number is 1,300. In the photo at the bottom the Kukini identify MS Audrey Meehan as preparing a sample for DNA testing it should read Dr. Denise To.

**PACOM,** From A3

The command still requires improvements in anti-submarine warfare, intelligence collection and persistent surveillance, command and control, and airlift and sealift capabilities, he said.

The command is also focusing on making sure that operational plans are credible, the admiral said. "Operational plans from the basis for military requirements in peacetime and initial response in war," Fallon said. "At PACOM, we bring to the planning process a culture that challenges assumptions, analyzes with rigor, and demands refinement when variables change."

The command also is

working to advance regional security cooperation from many countries in its area of responsibility. An example is the command's enlisted leadership development program that helps regional militaries enhance the professionalism and capacity of these militaries' enlisted forces.

Fallon spoke about relations with the various countries of the region:

Japan's alliance with the U.S. is undergoing changes to ensure its relevance in the long term.

Republic of Korea, whose alliance with the U.S. is sound and continues to form the foundation to

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## PETS, From A1

mal. Animals other than dogs and cats must be kept in cages or tanks at all times.

### Registering Pets

“All dogs and cats must be properly registered and have a microchip,” said Mr. Peck. On base, owners of dogs and cats are required to have an American Veterinary Identification Device microchip implanted under the skin of their pets. The Hickam Veterinary Clinic can perform this procedure. To contact the clinic, call 449-6481. “The maximum limitation for pets is two, with the exception of a litter of puppies they must not go beyond eight weeks of age,” said Mr. Peck. “Owners have to get rid of them, sell them or donate them. A female in heat, must stay inside the house,” said Mr. Peck.

### Pet Confinements

Female dogs and cats in heat must be confined inside the owner’s assigned quarters. When these pets are outside they must be under the direct scrutiny and control of the owner at all times. Breeding of any animal for commercial use is strictly prohibited. Dogs and cats must be confined to quarters, in a fenced yard, or restrained by a chain or leash. At no time may pets be chained or otherwise attached to trees, bushes, or any government building or structure. Housing will typically give the resident a courtesy warning if any rules have been broken, so the problem can be rectified, but in the case of an aggressive animal it is different.

“A first and only time in the case of a vicious dog attacking somebody,” said Mr. Peck. “The commander can say I want that dog off my base. You have a week to get the animal off this base.”

### Reporting Bites

To report biting notify Security Forces at 449-2677. These incidents also require

## Additional helpful pet information

Hawaii is a rabies free state. This link [http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai\\_aqs\\_info.htm](http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm) contains important information about pre-arrival requirements, quarantine station procedures, policies, rules, operations and fees.

Owners wishing to leave Hawaii with their pets, and return, must meet all requirements on the "Checklist for Hawaii Resident Pets" to return without extended quarantine. The 120-day "pre-arrival" waiting period after a successful rabies blood test is modified prior to leaving the state or can be in combination with time spent out-of-state before re-entry depending on circumstances. See <http://www.hawaiiag.org/AQS/aqs-checklist-resident.PDF> for details.

For pets re-entering Hawaii after completing a Hawaii animal quarantine program, go to [http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai\\_aqs\\_re-entry.htm](http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_re-entry.htm) for requirements on how to qualify for the reduced "Re-entry" fee for Direct Airport Release or 5-day or-less quarantine.

If a dead animal is found, as long as the resident calling is not the owner notify Entomology at 448-9264.

immediate commander and first sergeant involvement. Failure to follow these standards will result in the issuance of a housing discrepancy notice or citation. “Dogs have temperaments just like human beings and you never can anticipate what an animal is going to do,” concluded Mr. Peck.

## CHOICE, From A1

The type, amount, and quality of food that individuals consume each day play a vital role in their overall health. “When you’re stressed, try to figure out why did you reach for that food?” said Amy Gray, health education program manager at the Health and Wellness Center. “Take small steps and don’t expect overnight success. Don’t get down on yourself if you make a mistake.” Finding the balance between food and physical activity that works well for you can be challenging. “Make realistic goals, your short term goals are what help you increase the success of your long term goal,” said Sergeant Turner. Not only is the goal to be more physically active important for overall health and fitness, but also it helps control body weight, promotes a feeling of well-being and reduces the risk of chronic diseases. “The goal has to be measurable, specific and given a length of time,” said Ms. Gray. Another aspect of setting individual goals is to make smart choices from every food group. “Smart food choices are whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean protein, and moderate heart healthy fats,” said Sergeant Turner. To get the most nutrition out of daily calories, choose nutritionally rich foods from each food group daily that are lower in calories, but those packed with minerals, vitamins, fiber and other nutrients. “Something individuals can immediately do to make a difference in their nutrition is increase fruits and vegetable servings up to five servings per day,” said Sergeant Turner. This is something that can easily be done in recognition of National Nutrition Month and carried over into creating a new healthy lifestyle for years to come. “The key message is to get a variety of healthy food and color from all the different food groups and incorporate fitness,” concluded Ms. Gray.

Yes, we have regularly scheduled classes but participants need to sign up for them ahead of time.

Classes are offered to AD, spouses, DOD Civilians, and retirees; however we do fill classes with AD first since they are often ordered to attend.

**HAWC Classes**

**Tobacco Cessation:**  
The program consists of four, 1-hour classes, held on Tuesday 18:00-19:00 and Wednesday 14:00-15:00. The program stresses behavior modifications, group support, nutrition and oral hygiene. Adjunct medications used to assist customers in quitting are nicoderm patch, Zaban, or nicotine gum. Classes are held every month unless specified. March classes begin on 7th and 8th. Please call to sign up or for more information. 488-HAWC or 488-6170.

**Healthy Living Workshop:**  
A two-hour program to provide basic information related to behavior change, exercise & nutrition. Classes held on Tuesdays from 09:00-11:00

**Body Composition Improvement Program 1 & 2 (BCIP):**  
A program designed to help individuals shed unwanted weight and maximize fitness for the long-term with a “health-wise” sensible approach. Sorry, no magic pill or surgery here! The program consists of two, 2-hour classes, held on Thursdays from 08:00-10:00. Please call to sign up or for more information. 488-HAWC or 488-6170.

**Fitness Improvement Program (FIP) Class:**  
A one-hour class on ways to improve fitness goals. The first class is now on Tuesdays right after the HLW at 10:00.



Cats in action



Courtesy Photo

CATS announces an extension to its run of the show at Army Community Theatre March 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 438-4480.

PACOM, From A5

peace and security on the Korean peninsula. "The U.S.-ROK alliance must remain adaptable in light of the changing security environment, including unconventional threats, China's military modernization, and the potential for reconciliation between the Koreans," he said.

Australia and U.S. military forces coordinate security cooperation and counterterrorism activities in the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia. Australia also plays a leading role in security operations in East Timor, the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands, and maritime security in the Pacific Islands.

Republic of the Philippines, challenged by recent threats to stability, appears committed to democratic practices and rules of law. "I am encouraged by the continued support and involvement of the Philippine government in significant regional events," Fallon said.

Thailand is Treaty Ally of the United States and maintains a robust military relationship with the United States, including the annual Cobra Gold exercise.

India and the United States are working together to resolve issues of mutual interest such as maritime security, counterterrorism and disaster relief.

Singapore and the United States signed a Strategic Framework Agreement in July recognizing

Singapore as a major security cooperation partner.

Indonesia plays a unique strategic role in Southeast Asia and the Muslim world. Located in close proximity to strategic trade routes, the world's most populous Muslim nation is critically important to security in the Pacific.

China's rapidly expanding economy, growing demand for energy and clear aim to assume a more prominent role in regional and international affairs is having a major impact on the Asia-Pacific security environment.

Taiwan's ability to defend itself is the focus of the command's military engagement. "We have seen strong interest by the Taiwan military in strengthening their defensive capabilities," he added.

Mongolia, a staunch ally fighting terror around the world, is striving to establish a regional center for peacekeeping training. "Khaan Quest, a PACOM-Mongolia peacekeeping exercise, will serve as a capstone to this year's peacekeeping training efforts," he said.

Malaysia's government has supported the "Eyes in the Sky" initiative to increase combined aerial surveillance over the Strait of Malacca and stood up an agency like the U.S. Coast Guard called the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency.

Vietnam's military-to-military relationship with the United States is pro-

gressing in a "modest but positive" direction, Fallon said.

New Zealand has been a strong supporter of the war on terrorism, but its 1986 legislative ban of nuclear powered ships in its waters hampers improved military-to-military relations.

"We (also) continue to reinforce our special relationship with the three 'freely associated' states - the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Island, and the Republic of Palau," Fallon said.

These improved capabilities, in at least two cases, also have reduced the impact on the local populace in the Republic of Korea and Japan. In Korea, the overall number of U.S. military personnel will decrease, Fallon said.

In Japan the changes, courtesy of the Japan Alliance Transformation and Realignment negotiations, include transfer of U.S. carrier tactical aviation from Atsugi Naval Air Facility to Marine Corps Air Facility Iwakuni (Japan), and collocation of U.S. and Japanese air command and control at Yokota Air Base, he said.

The negotiations, nearing completion with an agreed implementation plan expected by March 30, also provide for reduction of the Marine footprint on Okinawa by about 7,000 Marines. Those servicemembers would be relocated to Guam, Fallon said.